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Our Case No. 6270/128

5 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ransom, et al.

Serial No. 10/689,895

Filing Date: October 21, 2003

For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
IMPLEMENTING XML ON AN
ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

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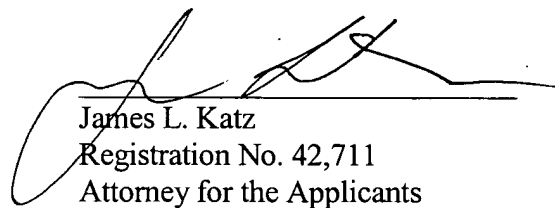
Please amend the specification as follows:

15 Please delete paragraph [0001] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 10/627,244 filed July 24, 2003 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/107) now U.S. Pat. No. _____, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

~~This application~~ U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 10/627,244 is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/723,564 filed November 28, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/48) now U.S. Pat. No. _____, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference and U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/814,436 filed March 22, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/60) now U.S. Pat. No. _____, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/814,436 filed March 22, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/60) now U.S. Pat. No. _____, is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/723,564 filed November 28, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/48) now U.S. Pat. No. _____. U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/723,564 filed November 28, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/48) now U.S. Pat. No. _____ is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 08/798,723 filed February 12, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/9), abandoned, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 08/369,849 filed December 30, 1994 (Attorney Docket No. 6270/6) now U.S. Pat. No. 5,650,936, the entire disclosure of which was incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,


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